

District of Columbia, to be offset by tax credits; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. DOMENICI (for himself, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. INOUE, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. DORGAN, and Mr. WELLSTONE):

S. Res. 100. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the Federal commitment for the education of American Indians and Alaska Natives should be affirmed through legislative actions of the 105th Congress to bring the quality of Indian education and educational facilities up to parity with the rest of America; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. LOTT (for himself and Mr. DASCHLE):

S. Res. 101. A resolution to authorize representation of Members, officers, and employees of the Senate in the case of Douglas R. Page v. Richard Shelby, et al, considered and agreed to.

By Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. ABRAHAM):

S. Con. Res. 33. A concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National SAFE KIDS Campaign SAFE KIDS Buckle Up Car Seat Check Up; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. THURMOND (for himself and Mr. HOLLINGS):

S. 915. A bill to amend the Harmonized Tariff schedule of the United States to suspend temporarily the duty on certain manufacturing equipment; to the Committee on Finance.

DUTY SUSPENSION LEGISLATION

Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce, along with Senator HOLLINGS, a bill which will suspend the duties imposed on certain equipment used to manufacture earthmoving tires. Currently, these machines are not manufactured in the United States nor is a substitute readily available. Therefore, suspending the duties on these items would not adversely affect domestic industries.

Mr. President, suspending the duty on these machines will benefit the consumers of earthmoving tires. Currently, demand for these tires exceeds supply and this suspension would not harm other manufacturers. I hope the Senate will consider this measure expeditiously.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 915

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SUSPENSION OF DUTY ON CERTAIN MANUFACTURING EQUIPMENT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 99 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States is amended by inserting in nu-

merical sequence the following new headings:

“9902.84.79

Calendering or other rolling machines for rubber, valued at not less than \$2,200,000 each, numerically controlled, or parts thereof (provided for in subheading 8420.10.90, 8420.91.90, or 8420.99.90) and material holding devices or similar attachments thereto

Free No change No change On or before 12/31/2000

9902.84.81

Shearing machines used to cut metallic tissue capable of a straight cut of 5 m or more, valued at not less than \$750,000 each, numerically controlled (provided for in subheading 8462.31.00)

Free No change No change On or before 12/31/2000

9902.84.83

Machine tools for working wire of iron or steel for use in products provided for in subheading 4011.20.10, valued at not less than \$375,000 each, numerically controlled, or parts thereof (provided for in subheading 8463.30.00)

Free No change No change On or before 12/31/2000

9902.84.85

Extruders of a type used for processing rubber, valued at not less than \$2,000,000 each, numerically controlled, or parts thereof (provided for in subheading 8477.20.00 or 8477.90.80)

Free No change No change On or before 12/31/2000

9902.84.87

Machinery for molding, retreading, or otherwise forming uncured, unvulcanized rubber for use in processing products provided for in subheading 4011.20.10, valued at not less than \$800,000 each, capable of holding cylinders measuring 114 centimeters or more in diameter, numerically controlled, or parts thereof (provided for in subheading 8477.51.00 or 8477.90.80)

Free No change No change On or before 12/31/2000

9902.84.89

Sector mold press machines used for curing or vulcanizing rubber, valued at not less than \$1,000,000 each, weighing 135,000 kg or more, numerically controlled, or parts thereof (provided for in subheading 8477.90.80)

Free No change No change On or before 12/31/2000

9902.84.91

Sawing machines, valued at not less than \$600,000 each, weighing 18,000 kg or more, for working cured, vulcanized rubber described in heading 4011 (provided for in subheading 8465.91.00)

Free No change No change On or before 12/31/2000.”

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

(1) GENERAL RULE.—The amendment made by subsection (a) applies with respect to goods entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on the date that is 15 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

(2) RETROACTIVE APPLICATION TO CERTAIN ENTRIES.—Notwithstanding section 514 of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1514) or any other provision of law, upon proper request filed with the Customs Service before the 90th day after the date of enactment of this Act, any entry, or withdrawal from warehouse for consumption, of any goods described in subheading 9902.84.79, 9902.84.81, 9902.84.83, 9902.84.85, 9902.84.87, 9902.84.89, or 9902.84.91 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (as added by subsection (a)) that was made—

(A) on or after May 1, 1997; and

(B) before the 15th day after the date of enactment of this Act;

shall be liquidated or reliquidated as though such entry or withdrawal occurred on the date that is 15 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

Mr. HOLLINGS. Madam President, today, I, along with Senator THURMOND, introduce duty suspension legislation designed to permit the import of certain tire manufacturing equipment into the United States duty free. U.S. companies do not manufacture the custom equipment to be imported, and therefore its importation will not displace domestic sourcing. Moreover, because the product at issue is manufacturing equipment, it will assist in the creation of additional jobs in the tire manufacturing industry.

I believe that this is the most appropriate use of duty suspension legislation. The custom imported product will not displace any product manufactured in the United States. Moreover, the imported product will assist in creating more productive capacity in the United States. This equipment will be used to manufacture a product that heretofore was not made in the United States. I am therefore hopeful that this new capacity can be used to supply both domestic and foreign needs and will increase employment in the tire manufacturing industry.

By Mr. COCHRAN:

S. 916. A bill to designate the U.S. Post Office building located at 750 Highway 28 East in Taylorsville, MS, as the “Blaine H. Eaton Post Office Building”; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

THE BLAINE H. EATON POST OFFICE BUILDING
DESIGNATION ACT OF 1997

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I am pleased to introduce legislation designating the U.S. Post Office facility located in Taylorsville, MS, as the “Blaine H. Eaton Post Office Building.”